

REMARKS

This Paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 22, 2006 having a shortened statutory response period ending on November 22, 2006. This Paper is filed within the shortened statutory response period. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account number 02-1818.

Claims 16-19 and 145-161 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-15, 20-144, and 162-194 have been canceled.

Claims 16-19 and 145-161 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 1st paragraph as the claim term “free of cross-linking” was alleged to be not supported in the specification. The claims have been amended to remove this term and to more clearly articulate the claimed subject matter. No new matter has been added and the claim scope has not been narrowed as a result of these amendments. Support for the present claims may be found at page 12 line 28 through page 13 line 7 which states “[t]he blend is exposed to radiation to cross-link the first component **but not the second component.**” (emphasis added). In view thereof, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are supported by the specification and that the §112 rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 16-19 and 145-161 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,743,523 to Woo et al. (*Woo*). *Woo* fails to disclose or suggest a film having a surface haze value of less than or equal to about 17% as recited in the present claims. *Woo* is wholly silent with respect to surface roughness characteristics of the film, surface haze being a measurement of surface roughness. See present application, p. 20 line 13 through p. 21 line 2. As *Woo* has no disclosure whatsoever regarding surface haze values of the film, *Woo* fails to disclose or suggest the claimed subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that claims 16-19 and 145-161 are in a condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice of the same.

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